

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Jake Eckert called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Agenda Adjustments

i. Add 8a(ii), Hiring Recommendation- OMS Special Education Teacher

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve agenda adjustments. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. May 7, 2019

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0

3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payrolls – 23, 24

b. Warrants – 23, 23ci

c. ME Pers –

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve warrants. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0

4. Public Comment

a. Daniel LaPointe- Questions the mission of the RSU management and the Board, and how the tax rate effects those on a fixed income.

b. Jim Bulteel- Spoke about school start times, and how teens are affected by sleep and the lack thereof.

5. Acknowledgements

a. Jacob Eckert acknowledges Jessica Archer and Lori Hartery for Riot Cookery

b. Brian McGill thanks Chad Kirkpatrick for organizing middle school rafting trip. Dr McGill also acknowledges all of the people preparing for the OMS NWEA test.

c. Meredith Higgins remarked on all of the many wonderful performances

d. Mark Brewer thanks Mike Arche for accommodating all of the local teams who have been rained out this spring.

6. Presentations

a. JMG Student Presentation - Kelsey Weldon- JMG Specialist at OHS

i. Moe Pelletier- President of OHS JGM

1. JMG has built confidence and public speaking skills.

ii. Megan Murray

1. Social awareness through community. Building leadership and community building skills.

2. Career development conference, great to be part of something bigger than Orono High.

b. Superintendent Report

i. Busy time of year

1. Senior Activities- Baccalaureate (June 6) and Graduation (June 9)

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2. 8th Grade celebration on June 13
3. Print out of PDT Flyer (handout)

c. Principal Report

i. Reg Ruhlin- Principal, Orono High

1. top 10 in the State of Maine, also top 10% of schools in the US
2. Eli McGill and Claire Williamson will speak at graduation
3. Kell Fremouw US National Jr Whitewater team, Representing US in Serbia
4. Windstorm challenge team.
5. Spaghetti dinner raised over \$3000 for family whose house was damaged by fire
6. UMaine Climate Change Institute presentation- students work in teams to reduce climate change

ii. Darren Akerman-Principal, Asa Adams

1. Asa Science Fair
2. Kim Oldenburg brought in author Stephanie Mulligan
3. Grade 5 Step Up Day
4. Asa Drama- What Happened after Happily Ever After- Maddie Mellor and Angie McLaughlin

d. Student Advisor Report

- i. Students have just finished up AP tests
- ii. Community rallied around the Edgar/Martinez family with spaghetti dinner
- iii. Coach Libby won boys PVA track coach of the year
- iv. Almost Maine and Scenes and Songs were presented by the OHS Drama

7. Discussion Items

a. Process for analyzing OHS/OMS start times

- i. Begin organizing a study committee to look at the challenges and benefits of later school start times
- ii. Old Town has taken the step to delay school start times by a half hour.
- iii. Big committee will be needed, as so many people are affected by a change in school start time.
- iv. Meredith will gather more information from Old Town to see how they deal with challenges of a later start time

b. School Board Meeting Dates 2019-20

- i. Calendar (handout)

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

- i. Co-curricular Recommendations- none
- ii. Hiring Recommendation, OMS Special Education Teacher

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 MRSAS405(6)(A). Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

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Entered executive session at 7:57

Exited session at 8:02

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve recommendation for Katherine Edes to be hired as OMS Special Education teacher for the 19-20 school year. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0
Policies

9. Subcommittee Report
 - a. Policy Subcommittee-
 - i. Meeting 5/30
 - b. United Technology Center- none
 - c. SPRPCE- none
 - d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Looking forward to 19-20 school year and getting priorities in order
 - e. Facilities – Vote June 11
 - f. Wellness Subcommittee- Meeting next week
10. Other Business
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Public Comment
13. Executive Session- 1 MRS §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees
 - a. Administrator Evaluations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 MRS §405(6)(A). Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0

Entered executive session at 8:05

14. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting
 - a. Tuesday, June 4, 2019, Board Meeting, Orono Town Council Chamber, 6:00 pm
15. Request for Information and Follow-up
16. Adjournment